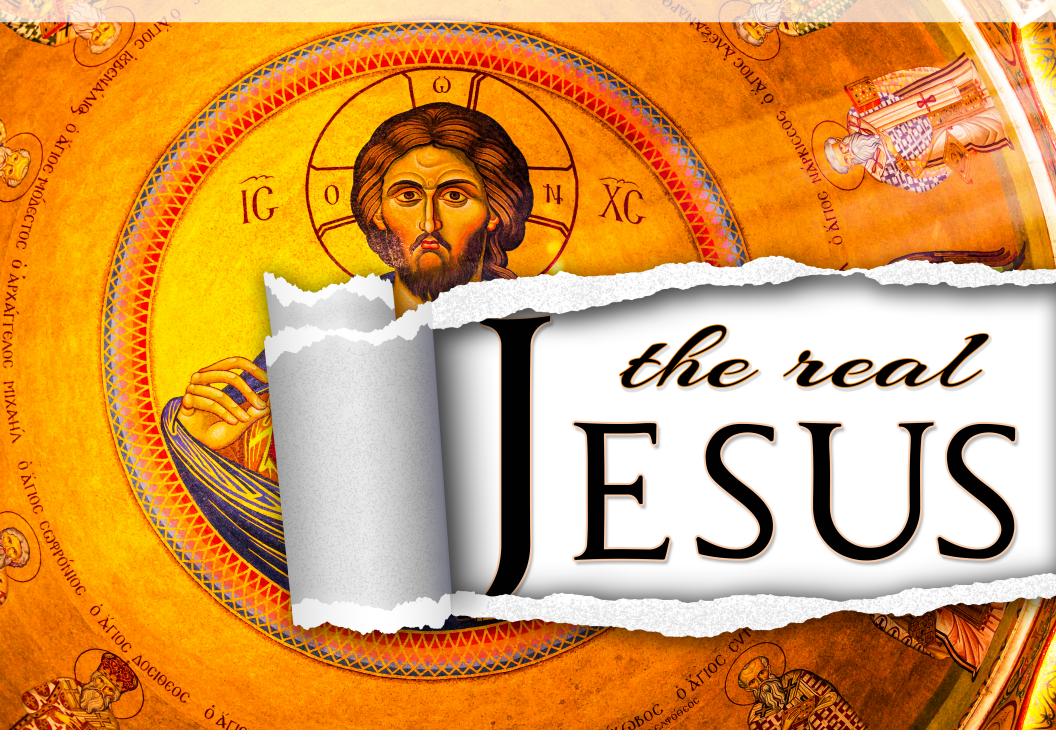
UNCOVERING THE REAL JESUS IN THE BOOK OF JOHN



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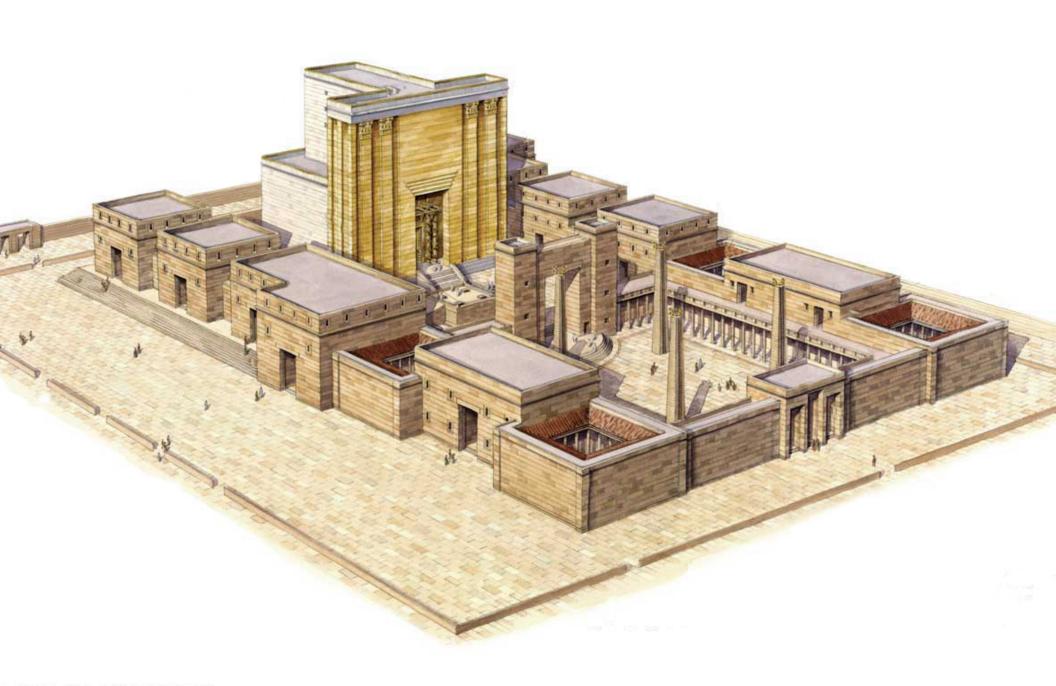
¹⁴ Jesus answered, "Even if I testify on my own behalf, my testimony is valid, for I know where I came from and where I am going. But you have no idea where I come from or where I am going. 15 You judge by human standards; I pass judgment on no one. ¹⁶ But if I do judge, my decisions are true, because I am not alone. I stand with the Father, who sent me.

¹⁷ In your own Law it is written that the testimony of two witnesses is true. 18 I am one who testifies for myself; my other witness is the Father, who sent me." ¹⁹ Then they asked him, "Where is your father?" "You do not know me or my Father," Jesus replied. "If you knew me, you would know my Father also."

²⁰ He spoke these words while teaching in the temple courts near the place where the offerings were put. Yet no one seized him, because his hour had not yet come. ²¹ Once more Jesus said to them, "I am going away, and you will look for me, and you will die in your sin. Where I go, you cannot come." 22 This made the Jews ask, "Will he kill himself? Is that why he says, 'Where I go, you cannot come'?"

²³ But he continued, "You are from below; I am from above. You are of this world; I am not of this world. 24 I told you that you would die in your sins; if you do not believe that I am he, you will indeed die in your sins." 25 "Who are you?" they asked. "Just what I have been telling you from the beginning," Jesus replied.

²⁶ "I have much to say in judgment of you. But he who sent me is trustworthy, and what I have heard from him I tell the world." 27 They did not understand that he was telling them about his Father. 28 So Jesus said, "When you have lifted up the Son of Man, then you will know that I am he and that I do nothing on my own but speak just what the Father has taught me. ²⁹ The one who sent me is with me; he has not left me alone, for I always do what pleases him." ³⁰ Even as he spoke, many believed in him.







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Just like turning on a light in a dark room reveals all that otherwise may be hidden, Jesus' teaching and way of life reveals the fullness of God's truth and love to a dark and hostile world. In the Old Testament, "light" is regularly used as a metaphor for revealing power of God's word and His presence with His people.

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Because pride in our life tells us that we don't need someone else to tell us what to do. Without him you will walk in darkness. Step one is confessing that you need his guidance and presence! Humility is what keeps you in a place where you want to "follow" God's leading daily.

1 John 1:7 But if we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus, his Son, purifies us from all sin.

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A: Everyone knows how helpful the navigation tools on our phones and vehicles are. God's revealed truth in the person and teaching Jesus (and the whole of the Bible) help us navigate life. In John 8:12 Jesus promises that if we follow him we will never walk in darkness!



How does God use it in our lives?

B: The book of Matthew tells us that, "You are the light of the world... let your light shine before others, that they may see your good deeds and glorify your Father in heaven". Part of God's plan to reach, is to use His light in you!